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Mr. Joseph Bendersky

Dear Mr. Bendersky:

Ambassador Shlaudeman has asked me to answer your letter of October 25.

Unfortunately, Daniel Eduardo Bendersky is listed among those persons who have disappeared in Argentina. As you may know, each year the Department of State submits to Congress a report on the human rights situation in each country that is a member of the United Nations. This year's report on Argentina ago stated:

"Most observers believe that the majority of the many thousands of persons listed over the years by human rights organizations as 'disappeared' are probably dead."

However, in the absence of definitive information about an individual who has disappeared, it is impossible to state with certainty exactly what happened to him. Thus, in cases like this one, doubt remains.

We in this Embassy have long been familiar with this particular case, and have been in direct contact both with Mr. Bendersky's family and with the Government of Argentina about the case. Our inquiries to the Government were answered to the effect that the Government had no record of his arrest or detention. Nevertheless, since the Government is cooperating with us on human rights cases again, for the first time since the South Atlantic conflict earlier this year, we will raise Mr. Bendersky's case with them once more.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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If any information is provided by the Government of Argentina we will give that information to Mr. Bendersky's mother, with whom Ambassador Shlaudeman will meet on November 23, and with whom we have been in contact.

Sincerely,

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Political Officer

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